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This is an amendment to a patent application. It is in response to an "Office Action Summary".

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Claim 1 is dropped, its contents incorporated into claims that used to depend on it.

Claims 6 and 7 are dropped.

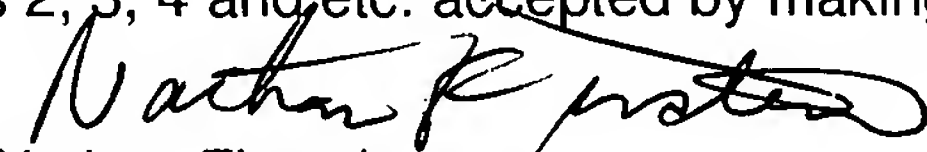
Claims 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11 and 16 are amended, making them independent.

Claim 10 is slightly amended, changing the claim on which it depends.

Claims 13, 14, 15 and 17 are dropped.

I have increased the number of independent claims from 3 to 7. I am a "small entity", and a check for \$400 is included.

This amendment addresses points made in the earlier non-final action. I hope that my earlier attempt to amend, rather than drop, claim 1 does not cause me to lose the opportunity to have claims 2, 3, 4 and etc. accepted by making them independent.



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